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COUNCIL OF EUROPE

COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS

RESOLUTION (76) 41

ON THE PRINCIPLES FOR A POLICY OF SPORT FOR ALL

*(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 24 September 1976
at the 260th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)*

The Committee of Ministers,

1. Recognising that the aim of the Council of Europe is the achievement of greater unity between its Members for the purpose of safeguarding and realising the ideals and principles which are their common heritage and of facilitating their economic and social progress, in particular by pursuing common objectives designed to protect and promote European culture ;
2. Recalling Recommendation 588 (1970) of the Consultative Assembly on the development of sport for all and the creation of co-ordinating structures, and Recommendation 682 (1972) on a European Sport for All Charter ;
3. Aware of the diverse contributions which sport can make to personal and social development through creative activities and recreational pursuits and of man's need for physical exercise for both his physical and his mental well-being ;
4. Acknowledging the universal appeal of sport and its particular value in a rapidly changing world which is characterised on the one hand by increasing leisure and on the other by urbanisation and technological development that tend to isolate man from his natural environment ;
5. Emphasising that the concept of sport for all, first formulated by the Council of Europe in 1966 to promote cultural development, relates to policies which seek to extend the benefits of sport to as many people as possible ;
6. Stressing the comprehensive nature of this concept which embraces sport in many different forms, from recreational physical activity to high level competition ;
7. Realising that sport for all raises problems which cannot be satisfactorily solved within a purely national framework ;
8. Maintaining in this context that the formulation of common principles would enable national policies to be progressively harmonised ;
9. Welcoming the work already done by the Council for Cultural Co-operation and various other international bodies in establishing common principles ;
10. Recalling the Conference of European Ministers responsible for Sport held in Brussels (1975) ;
11. Considering that a text defining these principles, as retained by that Conference of European Ministers responsible for Sport under the title of the "European Sport for All Charter", might provide a common basis for the actions of governments and other authorities concerned,

Recommends to member governments :

- a. to base their national policies as far as possible on the principles contained in the "European Sport for All Charter" appended to this resolution ;
- b. to distribute the "Charter" as widely as possible among interested persons and bodies within their territory.

Appendix to Resolution (76) 41

PRINCIPLES FOR A POLICY OF SPORT FOR ALL

(Defined by the Conference of European Ministers responsible
for Sport in Brussels (1975) under the title
"European Sport for All Charter")

Article I

Every individual shall have the right to participate in sport.

Article II

Sport shall be encouraged as an important factor in human development and appropriate support shall be made available out of public funds.

Article III

Sport, being an aspect of socio-cultural development, shall be related at local, regional and national levels to other areas of policy-making and planning such as education, health, social service, town and country planning, conservation, the arts and leisure services.

Article IV

Each government shall foster permanent and effective co-operation between public authorities and voluntary organisations and shall encourage the establishment of national machinery for the development and co-ordination of sport for all.

Article V

Methods shall be sought to safeguard sport and sportsmen from exploitation for political, commercial or financial gain, and from practices that are abusive and debasing, including the unfair use of drugs.

Article VI

Since the scale of participation in sport is dependent, among other things, on the extent, the variety and the accessibility of facilities, the overall planning of facilities shall be accepted as a matter for public authorities, shall take account of local, regional and national requirements, and shall incorporate measures designed to ensure full use of both new and existing facilities.

Article VII

Measures, including legislation where appropriate, shall be introduced to ensure access to open country and water for the purpose of recreation.

Article VIII

In any programme of sports development, the need for qualified personnel at all levels of administrative and technical management, leadership and coaching shall be recognised.

1st MEETING OF
EUROPEAN MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR SPORT

Brussels, 20-21 March 1975

RESOLUTIONS

(Resolution No I having been
incorporated into Resolution (76) 41,
is therefore superseded.)

RESOLUTION No II
onTHE ROLE OF PUBLIC AUTHORITIES AS REGARDS THE
DEVELOPMENT OF SPORT FOR ALL

The European Ministers responsible for Sport, meeting in Brussels on 20 and 21 March 1975,

RECALLING the principles of the Sport for All Charter,

CONSIDERING that public authorities play a major role in the promotion of sport for the benefit and welfare of the community as a whole,

ADOPT the following resolution :

1. The responsibilities of public authorities

- 1.1. Without prejudice to their right of initiative, the public authorities' role is primarily complementary and should take the form of support for private action to the benefit of everyone and the provision of conditions encouraging the greatest possible number of people to practise sport.
- 1.2. Sport should form an integral part of cultural, educational, social and health development programmes.
- 1.3. An effective sports policy can only be determined and put into operation through co-operation by all private and public agencies concerned either directly or indirectly with sport, both voluntary and compulsory.
- 1.4. Encouragement should be given to the training and further training of qualified personnel.

2. Participation by different social groups

- 2.1. From the point of view of permanent education, closer links should be formed between school sport and physical education, and voluntary sport.
- 2.2. The public authorities should, wherever possible, encourage the following to practise sport :
 - young workers and apprentices, as well as school pupils and students;
 - persons with special occupational and family obligations;

- physically, mentally and socially handicapped persons;
- elderly people;
- migrants.

3. Practical conditions for engaging in sport

- 3.1. Regional development plans should contain planning outlines for the provision of sports facilities.
- 3.2. Legislation should secure access to nature to as great an extent as is compatible with its protection and the provision of adequate playing space in housing areas and whenever urban renewal operations are taking place.
- 3.3. Encouragement must be given to the provision of facilities that can be used for both school sport and voluntary sport and, whenever possible, to the combination of cultural and sports facilities.

4. Finance

- 4.1. The public authorities have a duty to provide voluntary sport with a wide range of aid.
- 4.2. The use of advertising is only acceptable as long as it is in the interests of sport and those who practise it and provided that sportsmen should in no circumstances become a vehicle for advertising.
- 4.3. The local authorities bear as great a financial responsibility as the central and regional authorities.

5. Safeguards for the integrity of sport and sportsmen

- 5.1. Every effort should be made to ensure that sport never gives rise to excessive behaviour nor becomes an instrument of political propaganda, a factor of personal and social alienation, or a means of diverting attention from important economic and social problems.
- 5.2. National legislation should afford those who practise sport the maximum degree of freedom compatible with permanence in the organisation of sport.

RESOLUTION No III
on
AREAS FOR CO-OPERATION

The European Ministers responsible for Sport, meeting in Brussels on 20 and 21 March 1975,

HAVING REGARD to their Resolution on the role of public authorities regarding the development of Sport for All,

WHEREAS the Resolution outlines the range of areas which might lend themselves to joint action,

INVITE the ad hoc Consultative Meeting, pending its conversion into a Council for the Development of Sport, to :

1. investigate the possibility of undertaking concerted action in one or more of those areas, according to an order of priorities to be determined, in co-operation with the Council of Europe bodies dealing with education and culture, local authorities, environment, town and country planning, public health, social affairs, etc;
2. give particular attention to the following forms of co-operation:
 - a. the exchange of information in which the member states are asked to collaborate closely and ensure the efficiency of the Clearing House, particularly through active participation by the liaison offices;
 - b. the co-ordination of members states' efforts in scientific research by means of:
 - circulation of information on research programmes completed, in progress or planned, so as to foster collaboration between countries and between researchers and to avoid duplication;
 - encouragement of division of labour in the execution of research projects on priority subjects selected by the ad hoc Consultative Meeting pending its conversion into a Council for the Development of Sport;
 - c. exchanges of persons, visits, twinning arrangements, etc;
 - d. the pooling of experiences in the construction and management of sports facilities;
 - e. the joint study of legislative measures, regulations and financial arrangements designed both to promote Sport for All and to provide safeguards for sport and those who practise it;
 - f. mutual assistance for countries which request it;
 - g. development of a method of evaluation enabling the results of sports policies to be readily compared.

RESOLUTION No IV
on
MACHINERY FOR CO-OPERATION

The European Ministers responsible for Sport, meeting in Brussels on 20 and 21 March 1975,

BELIEVING that sport is a significant element in educational and cultural development,

AFFIRMING their belief in the principles embodied in the European Sport for All Charter,

RECOGNISING that the implementation of these principles depends on co-operation between member governments, including periodic informal meetings between Ministers with responsibility for Sport and the establishment of working groups of Ministers to consider special areas of policy,

CONSIDERING that such co-operation requires the establishment of appropriate structures,

RECOMMEND that the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe transform the ad hoc Consultative Meeting into a Council for the Development of Sport (CDS) with a status which will confer upon it a maximum of prestige and authority within the framework of Council of Europe structures and ensure effective co-operation with other bodies of the Council of Europe;

ENTRUST to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe the task of determining the level and size of the administrative unit necessary for the efficient functioning of the Council for the Development of Sport and the preparation of future Ministerial Conferences.

RESOLUTION No V

The European Ministers responsible for Sport, meeting in Brussels on 20 and 21 March 1975,

WELCOME the Belgian Government's initiative in organising the first Conference of European Ministers responsible for Sport;

CONVEY their warmest thanks to the Belgian Government for their generous hospitality;

THANK the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe for the support it has given the efforts of the Council for Cultural Co-operation by adopting Recommendation 588 (1970) on the development of Sport for All and the creation of co-ordinating structures, and Recommendation 682 (1972) on a European Sport for All Charter;

CONFIRM their intention to continue and expand co-operation between them and, each in their own country, to study all measures, including legislation where necessary, to implement the resolutions adopted;

EXPRESS their gratitude to the United Kingdom Government for their offer, in principle, to organise a second Conference of European Ministers responsible for Sport in 1977 or 1978.

2nd CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN MINISTERS

RESPONSIBLE FOR SPORT

London, 4-7 April 1978

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION ON
SPORT IN SOCIETY

(Theme I)

The European Ministers responsible for Sport, meeting in London, from 4 to 7 April 1978,

Recalling the resolutions adopted at their first Conference and particularly their Recommendation on the "European Sport for All Charter",

Affirm their belief in the importance of sport as a means of promoting international understanding, mutual respect and friendly social contacts between and within communities;

Support the international governing bodies of sport in their efforts to develop the moral and physical qualities, as expressed in the Olympic ideal, which are the basis of true sport;

Deplore the improper intrusion of political considerations unconnected with sport into international sport;

Recognise that international politics have become involved in sport, and that some countries' sports policies render them ineligible to take part in international sports events;

Emphasise their opposition to discrimination in sport which is based on race, religion, politics or any other criterion in contradiction to the Olympic Charter, and draw the attention of the governing bodies of sport to the International Declaration against Apartheid in Sports, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations;

Assert the importance of maintaining the independence of the national and international sports bodies in all matters concerning the conduct of their affairs and the organisation of international sporting events, as well as their responsibility for ensuring that the principles set out in this resolution are upheld in their own sports;

Remind these bodies that governments also have a duty to encourage the practice of sport and of the need to work with governments in the accomplishment of this task;

Conscious of the increasing costs of preparing for, staging and participating in international sports competitions, but nevertheless determined to extend the principle and the reality of Sport for All throughout the world;

Urge international non-governmental sports bodies to consider what action should be taken where, in their opinion, a national sports body is not justified in suddenly withdrawing its athletes from an event for non-sporting reasons;

Invite the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe to recommend governments of member states :

- (1) to take steps, in consultation and co-operation with national and international sports bodies, to protect international competitions from detrimental influences;
- (2) to support the attempts of developing countries to introduce programmes of physical education, provide sports facilities and offer wider opportunities for their citizens to practise and enjoy sport;
- (3) to co-ordinate activities in the field of sport and to co-operate as far as possible in the implementation of practical programmes of aid;

Invite non-governmental organisations to work towards an early restriction on external signs liable to engender confusion between nationalism and sport, such as the excessive use of anthems, flags, and similar symbols.

RESOLUTION ON FUTURE EUROPEAN COOPERATION

(Theme II)

The European Ministers responsible for Sport, meeting in London,

Conscious that, for most of the States Signatory to the European Cultural Convention, the Brussels Conference has helped to promote the formulation of a sports policy based on the principles of the European Sport for All Charter;

Recognising that the initiatives taken in this area of European cooperation have progressed favourably since 1975;

Considering that the efficiency of this cooperation is, to a very large extent, dependent on simple structures provided with adequate resources and prestige;

A. as regards the organs for cooperation :

Welcome the fact that the question of the status of the Committee for the Development of Sport (CDDS), an eminently appropriate body for European cooperation in sport, has been finally resolved;

Consider that this new structure should be so organised as to allow the Conference of Ministers to concentrate on policy issues, while the CDDS concerns itself with working out and implementing the Council of Europe's sports programme;

Recommend that the Conference of European Ministers responsible for Sport meets every three years;

Decide to continue the practice of holding informal meetings of Ministers responsible for Sport, so that they can consider developments in sport arising in a European or world-wide context;

B. as regards areas of cooperation, priority themes and scientific research :

Note with satisfaction the progress made in the various sectors selected by the CDDS;

Remind those responsible for the themes that as practical conclusions as possible are expected, capable of being applied at both European and national levels;

Pay tribute to the NGOs responsible for the organised sports, and in particular for the initiatives taken in recent years;

Consider that the right to sport for all must be able to be exercised by all those who for various reasons have difficulty in doing so;

Ask the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe to invite the CDDS where its future programme is concerned :

- to encourage the co-ordination of research in sports sciences;
- to commission an analysis of the relations between the situation of socially under-privileged groups and the types and levels of sporting activities they normally engage in or could engage in successfully, and in particular of the role that sport can play in helping to promote the integration of immigrants into society;
- to provide for the greater involvement of women in the promotion of Sport for All programmes;
- to promote specific research projects in fields directly related to its objectives, notably :
 - . identification and encouragement of sporting talent, in accordance with the Sport for All Charter,
 - . provision and equipment of integrated sports and recreation facilities,
 - . building of low-cost sports facilities,
 - . methods for detecting the use of illegal means of improving performance,
 - . causes of and means of preventing anti-social behaviour at sporting events, which is becoming increasingly widespread,
 - . study, in cooperation with the non-governmental bodies concerned, of possible ways of keeping changes in technical standards in the construction of sports facilities to the minimum made necessary by developments in sport and building techniques and of the international harmonisation of technical standards in the construction of sports facilities,
 - . access to sport for old people, people whose occupation makes the regular practice of a sport difficult (eg, shift workers), socially under-privileged groups in densely populated industrial towns, immigrants, the physically, mentally or socially handicapped.

C. as regards means of action :

Welcome the decision of the Ministers' Deputies to set up a Sport Fund but note that the appropriations made available for European cooperation by the Council of Europe are still so inadequate as to have necessitated voluntary contributions by member states to this Fund;

Draw attention to the situation which will arise at the end of 1978 when the voluntary contributions to the Sport Fund are exhausted;

Invite the Committee of Ministers to review the budgetary situation of the CDDS as from 1979 and to vote it sufficient funds to carry out its programme;

D. as regards the Clearing House :

Acknowledge the essential and effective role played by this body in European cooperation;

Recognise that each liaison office and relay centre should be given, at national level, the resources necessary for optimum cooperation with the Clearing House;

Request that an adequate share of the CDDS budgets be allocated to overcoming the difficulties of administering the Clearing House, in order to ensure its survival.

E. as regards the next Conference :

Recommend that one of the themes for the third Conference of European Ministers responsible for Sport be : "The importance of sport for social groups suffering from deprivation and urban stress".

Warmly thank the United Kingdom Government for its hospitality during this Conference and gratefully accept the invitation of the Spanish Government to meet in Spain in 1981.

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RESOLUTION ON
ETHICAL AND HUMAN PROBLEMS IN SPORT

(Theme III)

The European Ministers of Sport, meeting in London,

Reaffirming their attachment to the principles set out in the European Sport for All Charter, and concerned to safeguard sport and sportsmen from exploitation of whatever kind;

Considering that modern sport is beset by a number of practices which are jeopardising the ethical basis of sport, and that these are no longer restricted to international competitive sport, but are beginning to affect sport at national, regional and club level;

Express their hope and confidence that the sports federations will overcome the problems facing them and offer their support in the quest for solutions,

Bearing in mind that the mental and physical health of their peoples is their common concern,

Resolve as follows :

ON DOPING AND HEALTH

Considering that since the adoption by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe of Resolution (67) 12 on the doping of athletes, the member states, their national sports organisations, as well as governments and sports organisations of non-member states, have made real but as yet insufficient efforts to solve the problems raised by the taking of illicit substances for the purpose of improving athletic performances,

Affirming that the continual and necessary search for better performances must not lead to a situation in which the ethical and human basis of sport is neglected,

- condemn any measures designed to influence performances which are detrimental to the health of athletes or the ethics of sport, and any athletes who take such measures,
- emphasise the importance they attach to the speedy implementation of effective methods for the detection of the consumption of illicit substances, particularly anabolic steroids and other tissue-developing agents such as testosterone, and to the banning of such substances,

- invite their respective governments :
 - 1) to co-ordinate the action of the Ministers responsible for Health and for Sport, to support the governing bodies of sport in these tasks, and to intensify the co-ordination of relevant international research at a European level,
 - 2) to support the testing of athletes for illicit substances at and between events and also to support an international programme for monitoring the results of tests at suitable laboratories in each country, to which the responsible sports and medicine authorities have guaranteed access, subject to the usual rules of medical confidentiality,
 - 3) to recommend regular health checks for sportsmen and progressively to provide the facilities for this;
- invite national sports organisations to intensify their efforts to preclude the taking of illicit substances and suggest the following measures which might be carried out at national level by each country's most appropriate sports organisation :
 - . a publicity campaign directed at athletes on the dangers to health of doping, using for example the information contained in the background paper prepared for this Conference;
 - . encouraging the maintenance of respect for the ethics and practice of sport;
 - . compiling and publishing, in agreement with international directives, accurate and detailed lists of stimulating agents and means of testing for them;
 - . instituting and supporting practical and regular doping tests;
 - . working towards a stricter control of the issue of medical prescriptions involving potential doping agents;
 - . instituting stricter sanctions for athletes found using stimulants, which should be applied also to trainers, doctors or managers who have encouraged their use.

ON PROFESSIONALISM AND COMMERCIALISM

Desirous of preserving sport from excessive commercial exploitation,

Recalling the resolution on "Public Authorities and Sport for All" adopted at the Brussels Conference which stated that "the use of advertising is only acceptable as long as it is in the interests of sport and those who practise it and provided that sportsmen should in no circumstances become a vehicle for advertising",

Considering that neither professionalism nor semi-professionalism is to be condemned in itself, but that both have or can have a harmful effect on the ethical and human values of sport and may arouse feelings of frustration in sportsmen in their private lives,

Invite the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe to instruct the Committee for the Development of Sport to study and define in close co-operation with the non-governmental organisations concerned, the problems of professionalism and the role of advertising in sport to obviate consequences incompatible with human dignity and to draw up a code of ethics for commercial sponsorship.

ON VIOLENCE ASSOCIATED WITH SPORT

Considering the serious problem of violence in and around sports grounds;

Bearing in mind the resolution of the congress on "Violence in Sport" held in Brussels on 7 and 8 September 1977;

Taking note of the document previously distributed by the Belgian Minister of Dutch Culture;

Considering the general desire to tackle this problem effectively without delay,

Recommend to the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe to instruct the CDDS to elaborate, in co-operation with the international sports federations and organisations, the necessary measures to banish violence from the world of sport;

Ask the Belgian Minister of Dutch Culture to carry out this decision in close liaison with the Chairman of the CDDS in order to set up an appropriate structure within the Council of Europe.

3rd CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN MINISTERS
RESPONSIBLE FOR SPORT

Palma de Majorca, 8-10 April 1981

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION No. 1
on the
EUROPEAN SPORTS SPONSORSHIP CODE

The European Ministers responsible for Sport, meeting from 8 to 10 April 1981 in Palma de Majorca for their 3rd Conference,

Bearing in mind the European Sport for All Charter, adopted at their 1st Conference at Brussels in 1975, and in particular Article V according to which "Methods shall be sought to safeguard sport and sportsmen from exploitation for political, commercial or financial gain ...",

Recalling the resolution adopted at their 2nd Conference at London in 1978 on Professionalism and Commercialism,

Noting that several international sports federations and national confederations have already adopted their own sports sponsorship regulations,

Convinced that it would be to the benefit of sport and the general public to set out in a generally accepted and supplementary voluntary code regulations for sponsorship in sport,

TAKE NOTE with satisfaction of the European Sports Sponsorship Code (Guiding Principles and explanatory memorandum) prepared by the CDDS,

REQUEST the Committee of Ministers to ask the Committee for the Development of Sport to study with the non-governmental organisations concerned the implications of a European television satellite network and marketing of video-cassette programmes for sports sponsorship,

ASK the Secretary General of the Council of Europe to transmit these guidelines to the non-governmental sports organisations for information.

RESOLUTION NO. 2

on

PROGRESS IN EUROPEAN COOPERATION SINCE
THE SECOND CONFERENCE IN 1978 (THEME I)

and

PRIORITIES FOR FUTURE
EUROPEAN SPORTS COOPERATION (THEME IV)

The European Ministers responsible for Sport, meeting in
Palma de Majorca from 8-10 April 1981 for their 3rd Conference,

Recalling the resolutions adopted at their Second Conference
(London, 1978),

Confirm their view that the Conference of European Ministers
responsible for Sport should concern itself with broad policy issues and that
the Committee for the Development of Sport (CDDS) should determine and
implement, within the framework of the Medium Term Plans of the
Council of Europe, the details of the consequent sports programme,

Appreciate the value of an analysis of the work of the preceding
triennium as the First Theme of their Conferences,

Note with satisfaction the progress made with the work programme
adopted at the Second Conference as reported in Theme I, and particularly
within the Priority Themes,

Congratulate the CDDS on this progress,

Acknowledge the importance of the contribution of the Clearing House
and of national and international non-governmental sports organisations to
this progress,

Welcome the evident growth of cooperation and enthusiasm among
member States for these Conferences and the work of the CDDS,

Take cognisance of the fact that the introduction of new technologies
in industrial societies will lead to increased leisure time and thus to a greater
demand for opportunities for sport and physical recreation,

Appreciate the influence member States can have on international
sports cooperation when they act together on important issues,

Reaffirm their obligation as democratic friendly nations to work together to develop sports policies for the benefit of all their peoples and to support the development of sport for all and physical education programmes throughout the world, in particular through UNESCO,

Reaffirm that the Council of Europe, through the CDDS in particular, remains the most appropriate framework for sports cooperation amongst the Contracting Parties to the European Cultural Convention,

Hope that links between the Council of Europe and the European Sports Conference can lead to improved technical and expert contacts with the countries of Eastern Europe for the benefit of all, and for the wider diffusion of knowledge,

Mark, in this context, their support for the Family Health Programme of the European Regional Office of the World Health Organisation,

Recognise that such friendly cooperation can have implications for Europe which go beyond sport,

Warmly thank the Spanish Government for its hospitality during this Conference and gratefully accept the offer of the Maltese Government to meet in April or May 1984 in Malta for the 4th Conference;

RESOLVE :

1. that each Ministerial Conference should evaluate the work of the preceding three years;
2. that the dialogue with the IOC, GAISF, ANOC and other world and regional bodies concerned with sport and sports sciences and medicine should continue and develop, in order, in particular, to eradicate as far as possible the problems of doping in sport by encouraging the use of doping control laboratories and to continue the implementation of Recommendation (79) 8 of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on Doping in Sport, and the Resolution adopted at their 2nd Conference (London, 1978) on Doping and Health;

INVITE the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe :

- i. to ask the CDDS in the period up to the 4th Conference :
 - a. to continue and intensify its efforts in those areas of the programme where progress has been less than requested at their 2nd Conference, such as the European Courses and Events and the coordination of bilateral sports aid programmes for the benefit of member countries of the CDDS;

- b. to continue to encourage and develop the work of the Clearing House and to make appropriate provision for this in its budget;
- c. to work out, in cooperation with the Foundation Rika De Backer-Van Ocken, and other specialist international bodies, as a matter of urgency, measures designed to reduce or abolish violence associated with sport;
- d. to study the effects of increasing leisure time on physical recreation and sport policies and their contribution to the solution of unemployment problems;
- e. to consider the advisability of adopting new methods of work in addition to those already in operation, such as courses for trainers, coaches and managers;
- f. to undertake a coordinated research project assessing the results and impact of national sport for all policies and campaigns, the results of which should be submitted to the 4th Conference;
- g. to undertake a study of the effects of professionalisation in sport;
- h. to undertake the following new priority themes : sport for children, sport for the family, sport for elderly people and sport for the working population; and to study cost-effective sports facilities (in particular energy-saving measures and rational management);
- i. to study problems associated with undue early specialisation and overtraining of gifted young sportsmen and sportswomen;
- j. to study issues connected with participation in international sports events;
- k. to ensure that the results of work achieved in the programme are put in a form which will facilitate their implementation at national level;

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- ii. to recommend to governments of member States that they
 - a. provide full support for their national liaison officers working with the Clearing House, so as to ensure a fuller European cooperation;
 - b. assess the implications for, and impact on, national Sport for All policies of the results of the past Priority Themes of the CDDS;
- iii. to recognise the significant contribution of sport to promoting European cooperation, and its greater potential for the future through an expanded work programme of the CDDS, by increasing the resources available to the CDDS in future years from within the total budget of the Council of Europe.

RESOLUTION NO. 3
on the
GREATER INVOLVEMENT OF WOMEN IN SPORT

The European Ministers responsible for Sport, meeting in Palma de Majorca from 8-10 April 1981 for their 3rd Conference,

Accepting that although women have traditionally been less involved in sport than men, they have an equal right to participate, to decide for themselves the type and level of sport which they wish to practise, and to be equally involved in the promotion and management of sport,

Recognising that the present unequal rate of participation of the sexes is the result of sociological patterns and traditional attitudes rather than physiological factors,

Aware that sport can offer enriching forms of leisure activity to those women particularly exposed to the difficulties of dual responsibility of family and work, and to the stresses of urban living,

Concerned to encourage teachers and parents to contribute to girls' awareness, through childhood and adolescence, of the continuing usefulness and value of the practice of sport at all ages,

Considering that the continued existence in certain member States of sport clubs which refuse to offer membership, or offer only restricted membership to women is contrary to the ideals and spirit of sport and fair play,

RESOLVE to take all appropriate active policy measures in their countries to encourage greater involvement of women in sport, in particular by

- encouraging public authorities, sports federations and other parties involved to recognise and accept their individual responsibilities in facilitating a fundamental change of attitude towards women's participation in sport;
- promoting a greater use by women of the existing opportunities available to them to take part in sport;
- making available additional resources, or where this is not possible giving priority out of existing resources, in order to improve facilities for those sports in which women particularly wish to participate;

- reviewing the position of women in the promotion and administration of sport as a public service, at national, regional and local levels, including the introduction of an active policy of recruitment of women to posts of responsibility;
- encouraging the provision of crèches in public sports facilities;
- encouraging the organisation of programmes and facilities to enable all members of families to participate in sport together;
- considering all possible measures to eliminate sexism in sport and physical education both in and out of school;

REQUEST the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe to instruct the CDDS to study as a priority :

- a. arrangements for removing sex discrimination as regards membership of public and private sports clubs;
- b. the level of the provision of crèches or other child-care facilities in association with sport centres;
- c. the number and position of women in administrative and decision-making posts connected with sport;
- d. the problem of exploitation (eg. by unduly intensive training) of young athletes - girls in particular - in certain competitive sports;
- e. the consequences of national Sport for All policies on the participation of women;
- f. the impact of national campaigns designed specifically to increase the involvement of women in sport;

CALL UPON the International Sports Federations to issue policy statements concerning the provision of resources for those sports in which women wish to participate, to take active measures against existing discriminatory practices, and to consider the urgent need to ensure that women are represented on their policy-making bodies,

INVITE the mass media, bearing in mind their editorial independence, to analyse their treatment of sports affairs and the proportion of attention given to men in sport as opposed to women, with a view to redressing the present bias towards 'masculine' and competitive sport.

RESOLUTION NO. 4

on

SPORT FOR IMMIGRANTS

The European Ministers responsible for Sport, meeting from 8 to 10 April 1981 in Palma de Majorca for their 3rd Conference,

Convinced that sport is important as a means of bringing about greater participation in the life of the host society;

Anxious to see the principles of sport for all applied to everybody, and in particular to the least privileged groups;

Having analysed and discussed means of facilitating immigrants' access to the practice of sport;

Considering that steps should be taken to make it easier for immigrants to join sports clubs as a means of contributing to their participation in sport and thus help bring them out of their isolation;

Considering that it is the duty of all to combat, by all available means, including the mass media, schools and governmental and voluntary organisations, those factors that have an adverse effect on immigrants' participation in sport in the society where they have settled;

Considering that the mass media, immigrants' associations, self-help organisations and schools should collaborate in putting out information prepared jointly by immigrants' representatives and sports organisations in order to reflect and meet as well as possible immigrants' needs and wishes;

Considering that, for example, they should encourage the building of sports facilities in areas which have a high concentration of immigrants and are particularly deprived;

INVITE non-governmental sports organisations at international, national, regional and local levels to make an effort, or to increase the efforts they are already making, to encourage participation by immigrants;

INVITE all organisations in contact with immigrants - local authorities and clubs - to launch specific action programmes drawn up in collaboration with immigrants' representatives;

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REQUEST the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe
to ask the Committee for the Development of Sport :

- to draw up and co-ordinate an action programme for participation
in sport by immigrants in conjunction with the international bodies concerned;
- to urge national authorities which have not yet done so to set up a number
of pilot schemes at local level;
- to evaluate these pilot schemes and draw lessons from them in order
to help them to spread and to strengthen their impact.

RESOLUTION NO. 5

on

SPORT FOR HANDICAPPED PERSONS

The European Ministers responsible for Sport, meeting from 8 to 10 April 1981 in Palma de Majorca for their 3rd Conference,

Aware of the responsibilities of society towards the handicapped,

After analysing and discussing the ways in which sport can be adapted to different kinds of handicap,

Consider that sport is of paramount importance in preparing for life, restoring and maintaining health, rehabilitating motor functions and providing secondary prevention of neurophysiological accidents,

Recognise sport as a valuable means of education, rehabilitation, enhancement of leisure activities and social integration,

Undertake within their respective countries to :

- set objectives for the development of adapted physical activities in conjunction with the bodies representing the handicapped, while paying attention to medical surveillance,
- do their utmost to introduce physical activities and sport in the education, rehabilitation and preventive treatment of the handicapped,
- encourage the setting-up of independent bodies responsible for the organisation of sports adapted to different kinds of handicap,
- take measures to make sports facilities more easily accessible, encourage the training of specialist staff and promote research and public information,

INVITE the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe to ask the Committee for the Development of Sport to design and implement as a matter of urgency a European programme aimed at easing the practice of sport by handicapped persons and in particular to :

- lay down general guidelines and establish priorities,
- centralise and disseminate through the Clearing House the results of the experience gained on this subject within each member State, paying particular attention to research and information,

- provide international co-ordination of staff training and action,
- advise governments on the development of specific programmes and give assistance where necessary,
- assist in the co-ordination of the sports activities of bodies responsible for the handicapped in the fields of health, education rehabilitation and recreation,
- take suitable measures to guide and support representative European voluntary organisations in order to prevent dissipation of effort and ensure a harmonious progression of action on behalf of the handicapped.

RESOLUTION NO. 6

on

**SPORT FOR THOSE SUFFERING FROM
DEPRIVATION AND URBAN STRESS**

The European Ministers responsible for sport, meeting from 8 to 10 April 1981 in Palma de Majorca for their 3rd Conference,

Recalling the Recommendation made at their Second Conference on "the importance of sport for social groups suffering from deprivation and urban stress" in the context of the European Sport for All Charter,

Welcoming the report of the Seminar organised in Glasgow in 1980 on the topic of sport in areas of special need,

RESOLVE that they will give every support to positive efforts in their countries to identify the precise needs and to encourage the direction of more financial and human resources to these areas of special need,

INVITE the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe :

- i. to ask the CDDS :
 - a. to continue its efforts on this topic,
 - b. in particular to continue to support this aspect of the Council of Europe's Campaign for Urban Renaissance;
- ii. to recommend to the Governments of member States that they :
 - a. should do all in their power to create the atmosphere and promote actively flexible financial and administrative conditions which encourage municipal authorities to carry out comprehensive policies to stimulate sport and physical recreation in areas of deprivation,
 - b. consider how best policies and programmes can be co-ordinated to bring special emphasis to the needs of those living in areas of deprivation,
 - c. encourage the development of relevant research with particular reference to the part that sport and physical recreation can play in helping alleviate poor living conditions,
 - d. consider what special programmes can be devised and developed in their countries as a means of providing sport and recreation to those who are unemployed or underemployed,
 - e. consider ways and means by which special attention can be paid to providing recreational opportunities in areas of deprivation in fulfilment of the Sport for All Charter.

RESOLUTION NO. 7

on

THE INCREASING IMPACT OF INTERNATIONAL
TENSIONS ON INTERNATIONAL SPORT

The European Ministers responsible for Sport, meeting from 8 to 10 April 1981 in Palma de Majorca for their 3rd Conference,

After thorough analysis and discussion of the increasing impact of international tensions upon sport,

Concerned that such tensions between nations might extend to sport and hamper or restrict free international sports contacts,

Convinced that the relationship between sport and politics can benefit from timely and permanent consultations between the parties concerned,

Anxious to uphold and preserve the unity and independence of the international sports organisations,

Reaffirm the views expressed at their previous Conference and meetings that decisions concerning international sports events should be taken by the independent sports organisations and not by governments or intergovernmental organisations,

Take note of the report prepared by the Parliamentary Assembly on the Olympic Games and the outlook for their future, and of its Recommendation 900, and its Resolution 738,

INVITE the international sports organisations :

- to comply with the just demands of the sportsmen and sports organisations of the developing countries so that the structures and procedures of the international organisations better reflect their participation in sport,
- to establish regulations on the conditions for granting and withdrawing permission to stage international sports events,
- to consider the suggestion made by the Greek Government that a site to be chosen by the IOC (Nea Olympia) should be the permanent venue of the Olympic Games,

- to set down rules (where they do not already exist) which should be as harmonious and comprehensive as possible, regulating admission to, and exclusion from, international sports events of countries or sports organisations and in so doing to make clear that racial, religious or other discrimination against athletes is incompatible with participation in international sport,
- to reduce the excessive use of national symbols (eg. flags and anthems) and the exploitation of international sports events for nationalistic purposes,
- to recognise, bearing in mind the responsibilities of both parties, that the interests of international sport would be best served by more regular and systematic dialogue with governments and intergovernmental organisations,

CALL UPON all governments to respect and defend the freedom of sport as an important factor in the development of international co-operation and understanding, and to support the independent sports organisations in their efforts to provide a regulation that would be applicable to international sports contacts,

RESOLVE to continue their exchanges of views on possible solutions to political problems in sport, and in particular with the Ministers responsible for Sport of other regions, and with sports organisations of the member States of the Council of Europe, in the framework of the meetings of their informal working party,

ASK the Committee of Ministers to continue to give their support to these meetings,

REQUEST the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe to bring this resolution to the attention of governments and relevant sports organisations and to take all appropriate action with a view to furthering its implementation.

RESOLUTION NO. 8
on
UNDESIRABLE DEVELOPMENTS IN INTERNATIONAL SPORT

The European Ministers responsible for Sport, meeting from 8 to 10 April 1981 in Palma de Majorca for their 3rd Conference,

Upon thorough analysis and discussion of certain undesirable developments in international sport, and in particular the growing inequality of chances in competitions, and the explosion of costs associated with these competitions,

Concerned that these developments endanger fair and free sports relations, that they counteract the efforts made by the governments in the field of health and education and that they unnecessarily and unjustifiably increase the burden on the budgets of public authorities,

Concerned that commercial interests might affect elite sport in particular in a damaging way,

INVITE the international sports organisations :

- to reduce the inequality of chances by assistance programmes for countries less developed in sport (education and counselling, intensification of sports exchanges, provision of know-how),
- to consider how the costs of international sports events can be decreased, if necessary by an alteration of the organisations' rules as well as an appropriate limitation of facilities and equipment,
- to preserve the integrity of sport and the personal integrity of sportsmen,

CALL UPON all governments, and in particular the contracting parties to the European Cultural Convention, to support the international sports organisations in the above tasks,

REQUEST the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe to bring this resolution to the attention of governments and relevant sports organisations and to take all appropriate action with a view to furthering its implementation.

4th CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN MINISTERS
RESPONSIBLE FOR SPORT

Malta, 15-16 May 1984

RESOLUTIONS
AND
DECLARATION

RESOLUTION N°. 1

on

THE EUROPEAN ANTI-DOPING CHARTER FOR SPORT

having been incorporated into Recommendation No. R (84) 19, is therefore superseded

RECOMMENDATION No. R (84) 19

**OF THE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS TO MEMBER STATES
ON THE "EUROPEAN ANTI-DOPING CHARTER FOR SPORT"**

*(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 25 September 1984
at the 375th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)*

The Committee of Ministers, under the terms of Article 15.b of the Statute of the Council of Europe,

Recalling its Resolution (67) 12 on the "Doping of Athletes" and Recommendation No. R (79) 8 on "Doping in Sport" ;

Bearing in mind the Resolution on "Doping and Health" adopted at the 2nd Conference of European Ministers responsible for Sport, in London in 1978 ;

Emphasising that the use of doping agents is both unhealthy and contrary to the ethical values of sport and thus undermines the main purposes for which sport is supported financially by public authorities ;

Concerned that the use of doping agents is becoming more common and spreading to more forms of sport and that ever-younger sportsmen and sportswomen use them ;

Considering that governments have a general responsibility to counter the use of doping in sport ;

Considering that doping in sport is a part of the problem of drug abuse in society ;

Stressing that the elimination of this problem will require common action by public authorities and sports organisations, each acting within the sphere of its own responsibilities ;

Esteeming that a statement of principles on the roles of each partner will make a timely contribution to further endeavours in the anti-doping campaign, and that the text adopted by the European Ministers responsible for Sport at their 4th Conference, in Malta in 1984, under the title of the "European Anti-Doping Charter for Sport" is such a statement of principles,

I. Recommends the governments of member states :

1. to take the action set out in Part A of the appendix to this recommendation ;
2. to take, in co-operation with the sports organisations, the action set out in Part B of the appendix to this recommendation ;
3. to distribute this recommendation and its explanatory memorandum widely amongst all sports organisations and other interested parties ;

II. Instructs the Secretary General to transmit this recommendation to the governments of states party to the European Cultural Convention who are not member states of the Council of Europe ;

III. Instructs the Secretary General to transmit this recommendation to international sports organisations.

Appendix to Recommendation No. R (84) 19

European Anti-Doping Charter for Sport*Part A : The governments of member states should :*

1. Take all appropriate steps falling within their competence to eradicate doping in sport and in particular :
 - 1.1. to ensure that effective anti-doping regulations are implemented : for example, by applying the provisions of appropriate legislation in member states where it exists or by obliging sports organisations which have not yet done so to adopt and apply effective anti-doping regulations, for example by making it a condition for receiving public subsidies ;
 - 1.2. to co-operate at international level :
 - a. in measures designed to reduce the availability of doping agents ;
 - b. in facilitating the carrying out of official doping controls decided on by international sports federations ;
2. Set up and run, either individually or collectively, doping control laboratories of a high technical standard.

The creation and operation of high-class doping control laboratories should include provision for the training and retraining of qualified staff and for an appropriate research programme.

These laboratories should be of such a standard that they can be recognised, accredited and verified at regular intervals by the competent international organisations, especially insofar as such laboratories may be used for doping controls at international sports events held on the territory of the member state.

3. Encourage and promote research in doping control laboratories into analytical chemistry and biochemistry, and subsequently help with the publication of the results of research in order to disseminate such knowledge ; and make suitable arrangements for the adoption of techniques, standards and policies as research shows to be necessary.
4. Devise and implement educational programmes and campaigns from school-age onwards drawing attention to the dangers and unfairness of doping and promoting the proper ethical and physical values of sport ; and support the design of properly constructed physiological and psychological training programmes which would encourage the continual search for improved performances without using artificial aids or harming the participant's organism.
5. Assist with the financing of doping controls.

Part B : The governments of member states should offer their co-operation to the sports organisations, so that the latter take all measures falling within their competence to eradicate doping

6. Sports organisations should be encouraged :
 - 6.1. to harmonise their anti-doping regulations and procedures, based on those of the International Olympic Committee and the International Amateur Athletic Federation, and ensure that these regulations provide for an adequate protection of the rights of sports participants accused of contravening the anti-doping regulations, including the right to a fair examination in the proceedings which may lead to penalties being imposed ;
 - 6.2. to harmonise their lists of banned substances, based on those of the International Olympic Committee, and making appropriate provision for the specific anti-doping requirements of each sport ;
 - 6.3. to make full and efficient use of the facilities available for doping controls ;
 - 6.4. to include a clause in their regulations whereby, in order to be considered to be eligible to take part in any official event of that sports organisation or federation, an athlete would agree to submit at any time to any doping control decided on by an official properly and duly authorised by that federation or its superior federation ;
 - 6.5. to agree on similar and substantial penalties for sportsmen or women caught using doping substances and for any other person providing, administering or facilitating the use of doping substances ;
 - 6.6. to recognise that unduly high performance levels required in some events might result in the temptation to use drugs.

RESOLUTION No.2 on the IMPACT OF SPORT FOR ALL POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES

The European Ministers responsible for Sport, meeting in Malta for their 4th Conference, from 15 to 16 May 1984,

Recalling

- i. the principles of the European Sport for All Charter,
- ii. the work of the CDDS, and in particular the rationalisation project and the evaluation study of the impact of sport for all policies and programmes,
- iii. the cultural and social values of sport for all, and its benefits for health, self-realisation, and the quality of life,

Considering

- i. that there is a positive relationship between the existence of a specific sport for all policy and the level of participation,
- ii. that although the aims, objectives, values, and the means for realising a sport for all philosophy do not significantly differ, a sport for all strategy allows for many different approaches depending on the economic, socio-cultural and geographical circumstances of member States,
- iii. that the needs of the communities for sports opportunities are best assessed at the local level and that they are best provided at an economic cost through cooperation between local and national authorities and organisations, both public and private,

DECLARE

that the policies of Ministries responsible for Sport and of the national sports bodies should as far as possible aim to ensure the continued provision of high quality opportunities for the whole population to take part in physical activities and of aid and support for all participants in sport at any level or ability, of all ages and origins so that a sports policy can meet the needs and demands of modern society;

RESOLVE :

1. to improve the impact of national sport for all policies by implementing more fully at national level the work of the Council of Europe in sport;
2. that sport for all requires adequate, multi-purpose, low energy-cost facilities, which are well managed and provide for recreational needs, and that full use should be made of all existing facilities, including municipal, club and educational facilities;
3. to encourage the media, and especially television, while recognising their independence, to promote, where possible, sport for all;
4. to encourage the use of full-time or part-time voluntary or professional workers in sport for all and to foster the training of specialists in marketing and management, organisation and promotion;

5. to make full use of all possibilities of financing sport for all;
6. to foster an awareness amongst the international sports organisations of the desirability of making available some of the money coming from international sports events for sport for all programmes launched by competent organisations, especially in developing countries;
7. to encourage the most cost-effective use of modern information technology in the field of sport for all;

INVITE THE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE TO INSTRUCT THE CDDS :

1. to prepare proposals for improving the effective implementation of the work of the Council of Europe on promoting sport for all within member States, with particular reference to the points agreed in this resolution;
2. to provide for more efficient bilateral and multilateral cooperation and coordination of aid in sport for all development for some member States, and in particular the exchange of information;
3. to explore, where necessary, ways of increasing the importance of physical education in schools as a means of promoting sport for all.

RESOLUTION No.3 on THE OLYMPIC GAMES

The European Ministers responsible for Sport, meeting in Malta for their 4th Conference, from 15 to 16 May 1984, express their complete and wholehearted support for the Olympic Games, both now and in the future. They wish the International Olympic Committee well in their current efforts to maintain and enhance the success of the Olympic movement.

RESOLUTION No.4 on ECONOMIC CHANGES IN SPORT

The European Ministers responsible for Sport meeting in Malta for their 4th Conference from 15 to 16 May 1984,

Considering the fact that the concept of sport for all, as adopted in the European Sport for All Charter, has received considerable backing in all member States,

Noting that the relationship between work and leisure is continually changing, and that both are vital to every human being,

Convinced that sport has an important contribution to make to the worthwhile use of increased leisure time and is a good means of improving the quality of people's lives, physically, mentally and socially,

Realising that this concept has considerably increased governments' responsibility in the promotion, development and implementation of sport programmes,

Conscious of the present worldwide economic recession, unemployment and limited public funds, the ever increasing costs of sports participation, and the costs of possible changes in sport facilities which are imposing great strains on policies and structures already established,

Aware of the fact that commercial sponsorship and marketing in sport are already recognised and accepted as an additional means of financing sport, and at the same time realising that the increasing business interest in sport and sport sponsorship are presenting serious threats to the independence and autonomy of sport organisations and undermining the ethical values of sportsmanship,

RESOLVE :

1. to safeguard the gains in participation achieved in the last decade;
2. in association with the voluntary and the commercial sectors, to establish policies for recreational and competitive sport, both nationally and internationally aiming at :
 - 2.1 clearly defining the roles of each sector;
 - 2.2 co-ordinating their involvement in the running and the use of facilities;
 - 2.3 implementing programmes for sports promotion amongst groups with low participation;
 - 2.4 to investigate further the above guidelines and the economic importance of sport in relation to changing social trends;

INVITE the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe to instruct the CDDS to examine the questions raised by this Resolution.

RESOLUTION No.5 on EMPLOYMENT IN SPORT

The European Ministers responsible for Sport, meeting in Malta for their 4th Conference from 15 to 16 May 1984,

Considering that unemployment is one of the most pressing social problems in Europe,

Considering that governments have a major responsibility to find solutions to this problem,

Noting that a prerequisite for the practice of sport is the availability of sufficient qualified staff at each level of administrative and technical management, leadership and training/coaching,

Considering that such staff can be both voluntary and professional, and that professional staff can also be deployed in support of voluntary staff,

Considering that, because of the contribution of such qualified staff to the quality and accessibility of sport and thus to the benefit of sport, the voluntary sports organisations themselves should make a financial contribution to the employment of professional staff,

Considering that in view of the contribution of sport to health, social development and integration and to a positive use of leisure time for young and old, governments too have a responsibility to allow for the employment of professional staff,

Noting that during the Papendal seminar it appeared that several obstacles existed to the appointment of an adequate number of qualified staff both for the promotion of sport and in the technical, administrative and organisational fields at different levels,

A. RESOLVE

to study ways in which national "employment in sport programmes" could be realised; such programmes could consider ways of :

1. encouraging sports organisations to put forward proposals for permanent employment at the different levels,
2. considering if and how regional and local authorities can be associated with the development of an "employment in sport programme",
3. joint financing by sports organisations and public authorities,
4. examining the question of whether social benefit funds can be used for the financing of an "employment in sport programme",
5. examining if and to what extent the commercial sector could participate in the financing of such a programme,

- B. INVITE the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe to ask the CDDS to monitor the follow-up to this resolution and, if necessary, to make further proposals, for example the setting up of a working group.

RESOLUTION No.6 on SPECTATOR VIOLENCE ASSOCIATED WITH SPORT

The European Ministers responsible for sport, meeting in Malta for their 4th Conference, from 15 to 16 May 1984,

Confirming their continuing disquiet about incidents of violence among spectators attending sporting events and especially at international club and representative football matches between teams from their countries,

Deploing especially the incidents which have occurred throughout the current football season in several member countries,

Confirming their determination to do what they can to reduce, if not eliminate, such anti-social behaviour,

Acknowledging especially the initiatives taken by UEFA in preparing regulations and guidelines for national football federations on measures to be taken at matches staged under its auspices,

Convinced that efforts to defeat this problem need the cooperation of all involved in the organisation and staging of sports events, governmental and non-governmental organisations alike,

Take note, with pleasure, of the adoption by the Committee of Ministers on 19 March of the Recommendation No (84) 8, on the reduction of spectator violence at sporting events and in particular at football matches,

Appreciate that the provisions of this recommendation would do much to reduce the violence associated with football,

RESOLVE to do all within their competence to ensure its full implementation and resolve to draw it to the attention of their respective national football authorities,

ASK the Secretary General of the Council of Europe to bring this Recommendation to the attention of UEFA,

INVITE the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe to ask the CDDS, in this period up to the 5th Conference, to monitor the operation of the provisions of this Recommendation, to review its effectiveness and to consider what steps could be taken in the future to further the objective of stopping spectator violence,

RECOMMEND that UEFA and other specialist bodies should be consulted, as appropriate, on any further measures.

RESOLUTION No.7 on SPORT FOR THE HANDICAPPED AND OTHER HEALTH IMPAIRED GROUPS

The European Ministers responsible for Sport, meeting in Malta for their 4th Conference from 15 to 16 May 1984,

Emphasising the need for special measures for groups whose participation in physical education and sport on an equitable basis is otherwise difficult or impossible,

Recalling the principles of the Sport for All Charter, and their resolution no. 5 on "Sport for the Handicapped" adopted at their 3rd Conference, and in particular the need to implement a European programme aimed at easing the practice of sport by handicapped persons,

Aware of the health-promoting and rehabilitating effect of physical education and sport as well as its importance for the overall development of the personality and as a means of social integration,

Supporting the efforts of international sport organisations and bodies for the development of sport for the handicapped and other health impaired groups,

INVITE the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe to recommend that the governments of member States continue their efforts to develop physical education and sport for the handicapped and other health impaired groups, in particular by :

1. when building or converting sports facilities, to ensure that there is suitable access for these groups, thus increasing their participation opportunities in physical education and sport;
2. seeing to it that sufficient financial support is given to the physical education and sport activities of such groups;
3. developing training for physical education, pre-school education and general education teachers so as to include sufficient instruction concerning the need and importance of adapted physical education and sport for the handicapped and other health impaired groups with the aim of integrating this education into general physical education and sport activities;
4. promoting the adequate representation of the above-mentioned groups in the decision-making bodies concerning physical education and sport;
5. encouraging national and local sports bodies and organisations to undertake research and pilot projects in order to improve the participation of such groups in physical education and sport;
6. to this end, promoting cooperation between administrators in different sectors, particularly in the fields of physical education and sport, health, social welfare and education;
7. furthering international research cooperation as well as exchanges of information and documentation concerning measures aimed at improving the situation of the handicapped and other health impaired groups in physical education and sport.

RESOLUTION No.8 on SPORT FOR SOCIALLY UNDERPRIVILEGED AND MARGINAL GROUPS

The European Ministers responsible for Sport, meeting in Malta for their 4th Conference from 15 to 16 May 1984,

Convinced that sport is an important way of helping the social reintegration of all kinds of socially underprivileged and marginal groups,

Anxious to see that the principles of sport for all should apply to everybody, and in particular to these groups,

Considering that steps should be taken to ease their access to the practice of sport,

Considering that it is the duty of all governmental authorities to encourage by all available means the building of sports facilities for these groups,

REQUEST the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe to ask the CDDS :

- to draw up an action programme for participation in sport for these vulnerable groups, in conjunction with the governmental sports authorities,
- to develop an action programme for the spreading of sport for all for these target groups.

RESOLUTION No.9

The European Ministers responsible for Sport, meeting in Malta for their 4th Conference from 15 to 16 May 1984,

INVITE the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe to ensure that there are exchanges of information on national policies with regard to all discriminator practices in sport, including apartheid.

RESOLUTION No.10 on EUROPEAN SPORTS COOPERATION

The European Ministers responsible for Sport, meeting in Malta for their 4th Conference from 15 to 16 May 1984,

Recalling the European Sport for All Charter (Res (76) 41),

Reaffirming that the Council of Europe and the CDDS are the most appropriate fora for European Sports Cooperation at the intergovernmental level,

Congratulating the CDDS on its work in directing the implementation of the Charter, in particular in the exchange of technical information and expertise,

Applauding the contribution of the NGOs to this work,

Noting the increasing need for frequent political cooperation between member States in the field of sport,

Noting that the decisions of the autonomous international sports organisations have an impact upon the policies and expenditure plans of central and local government authorities,

Reaffirming, therefore, the need, expressed at their third Conference for an effective and systematic dialogue between international sports organisations and intergovernmental organisations,

Concerned that the CDDS as presently constituted is not easily able to represent their collective views,

Noting the provisions of Resolution (71) 44 and of Resolution (76) 3,

Bearing in mind the discussions at this Conference,

REQUEST the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe to :

- i. make arrangements for the preparation of their next conference which take account of the autonomy of the conference,
- ii. to ask the CDDS to study possible modifications to its working methods and/or terms of reference to be examined at their next conference and subsequently by the Committee of Ministers.

RESOLUTION No.11 on PAST AND FUTURE WORK OF THE CDDS, 1981-1984, and 1984-1986

The European Ministers responsible for Sport, meeting in Malta for their 4th Conference on 15 and 16 May 1984,

Recalling the resolutions adopted at their 3rd Conference,

Thanking the CDDS for its work on the subjects identified at that Conference as priorities for European Sports Cooperation,

Thanking the Clearing House for its continuing contribution to this cooperation.

Endorsing the conclusions of this work as submitted in the background paper for Theme I of this Conference,

Reaffirming their conviction that the Council of Europe and the European Cultural Convention, with their possibilities for political, practical and technical forms of cooperation, should remain the principal framework for European intergovernmental cooperation in sport,

Warmly thank the Maltese government for its hospitality during this Conference and gratefully accept the offer of the Irish government to host the 5th Conference in 1986 at Dublin,

INVITE the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe to request the Committee for the Development of Sport (CDDS), within agreed budgetary resources, to continue to provide policy-makers with help in implementing the provisions of the European Sport for All Charter adopted at the 1st Conference by giving special attention to the following areas, where appropriate in cooperation with the international sports organisations :

- i. with regard to Article I : proposing long term policies for sports development in the 1990s, the balance to be achieved between policies designed to further on the one hand top level competitive sport and on the other recreational sport, taking into account the impact of international sport on national sports policies;
- ii. with regard to Article II : the funding of sport, and the desired relationship between public provision, the voluntary contribution and the commercial sector; and to suggest ways and methods of achieving harmonious and balanced partnerships, based on clearly stated roles for governments, sports organisations and private initiatives;
- iii. with regard to Article III : to make a coordinated European study of the economic and financial importance of sport, including its economic impact on other areas of policy making, planning and cultural life;

- iv. with regard to Article IV : to propose ways of intensifying cooperation between public and voluntary bodies, both at national and at European levels, taking into account their relationships with the commercial sector;
- v. with regard to Article V : to propose ways of maintaining the ethical values of sport, eg by helping the effective implementation of the European Anti-Doping Charter for Sport adopted at this Conference, and of Recommendation R (84) 8 on the reduction of Spectator Violence at Sporting Events; and to study the influence of commercial pressures, including the impact of TV rights, on sport, and to prepare if necessary a revised sports sponsorship code;
- vi. with regard to Article VI and VIII : to study the roles of public, voluntary and commercial bodies in the provision of sports facilities and in the recruitment training and employment of the personnel needed for sports development policies for the late 1980s and 1990s.

DECLARATION on SPORT AS A MEANS OF PEACE

The European Ministers responsible for Sport, meeting in Malta for their 4th Conference on 16 May 1984,

Considering that the Olympic Games and the Olympic ideal have always been - both at the time of the original Games and today - an invitation to peace and to mutual understanding,

Declare today that this invitation would only be an empty gesture if it is not accompanied by common efforts by all countries to find ways for dialogue which would facilitate participation by everybody in the great four-yearly festival of youth to proclaim the unshakeable desire of the people of the world to live in peace.

5th CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN MINISTERS

RESPONSIBLE FOR SPORT

Dublin, 30 September - 2 October 1986

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION No. 1

THE EUROPEAN CHARTER FOR SPORT FOR ALL: DISABLED PERSONS having been incorporated into Recommendation No. R (86) 18, is therefore superseded

RECOMMENDATION No. R (86) 18**OF THE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS TO MEMBER STATES
ON THE EUROPEAN CHARTER ON SPORT FOR ALL: DISABLED PERSONS**

*(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 4 December 1986
at the 402nd meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)*

The Committee of Ministers, under the terms of Article 15.b of the Statute of the Council of Europe,

Considering that the aim of the Council of Europe is to achieve a greater unity between its members, notably by means of common action in social and cultural matters;

Considering that in the member states nearly one person in every ten suffers from a variety of impairment, disability or handicap;

Bearing in mind its Resolution (76) 41 on the principles for a policy of sport for all and particularly Article I of the appendix thereto which states that "every individual shall have the right to participate in sport";

Having regard to Resolution No. 5 and Resolution No. 7 on sport for handicapped persons, adopted respectively at the 3rd (Palma de Majorca, 1981) and 4th (Malta, 1984) Conferences of European Ministers responsible for Sport;

Bearing in mind its Resolution AP (84) 3 adopted in the framework of the Partial Agreement in the Social and Public Health Field, on a coherent policy for the integration of disabled people which states, in paragraph 2.4 of its appendix, that "participation in sport should be encouraged", that "sport is a vital factor in rehabilitation and integration", and that "sports activities should be intensified and their further development encouraged by appropriate public relations methods, the training of staff, the planning of sports centres and the promotion of associations";

Considering that it is necessary to create a welcoming climate for disabled people, to recognise their right to be helped and to improve their position in society;

Considering that, in accordance with these ethical principles and the respect of each human being, the promotion and development of sport and physical recreation for all disabled persons is an important means of improving the quality of their life, as well as contributing to their rehabilitation and integration in society;

Considering that the European ministers responsible for sport, meeting for their 5th Conference in Dublin (1986), adopted a resolution defining such principles under the title of the "European Charter on Sport for All: disabled persons",

I. Recommends the governments of member states:

1. to take the action set out in Part A of the appendix to this recommendation;
2. to encourage and work closely with the sports organisations concerned to take action set out in Part B of the appendix to this recommendation;

3. to distribute this recommendation widely amongst all sports organisations and other bodies and organisations concerned with disabled persons;

II. Instructs the Secretary General to transmit this recommendation to:

a. the governments of states party to the European Cultural Convention which are not members of the Council of Europe;

b. the competent international sports organisations, and other organisations concerned with the needs of disabled persons.

Appendix to Recommendation No. R (86) 18

European Charter on Sport for All: disabled persons

Part A

The governments of member states should:

1. take the necessary steps to ensure that all relevant public authorities and private organisations are aware of the sporting and recreational wants and needs, including in education, of all disabled persons—not only those who are physically or sensorially disabled and mentally handicapped, but also those who suffer from an organic or psychosomatic disorder;
2. orientate their policies for such persons so that they may have adequate opportunities to take part in recreational physical activities which will:
 - encourage their feeling of well-being and/or improve their physical condition;
 - provide self-fulfilling leisure-time occupations;
 - encourage social communication both between themselves and between them and able-bodied persons;
3. encourage the appropriate authorities to seek to ensure that public sports facilities are accessible to and usable by disabled persons and to incite these authorities:
 - a. to consider the need to set aside public money to help with the conversion of existing facilities to meet the building guidelines set down in the appendix to the explanatory memorandum to this recommendation or equivalent national standards;
 - b. to ensure so far as is possible that future sports facilities will meet these guidelines or equivalent national standards;
 - c. to take steps to familiarise architects and managers of sports facilities with the requirements of disabled people;
4. encourage co-operation between the various public authorities involved in sport for disabled persons, such as health, social welfare, education and sport departments, and their policies and actions;
5. encourage where appropriate the setting up of an umbrella body for the development of sport for all disabled persons, bringing together all appropriate and relevant interests and expertise;
6. encourage those financing sports activities for all disabled persons to take account of their special needs and requirements;
7. encourage the development of sport and recreation for disabled persons as an integral part of rehabilitation and as a continuation of it as well as for its wider general benefit;
8. encourage research, as necessary, which will determine scientifically the physiological, psychological, social or other benefits of sport for different categories of disabled people, together with other research which may be deemed to be appropriate;
9. encourage educational authorities to take sufficient steps to provide adequate and real physical education for disabled children in schools, and to train to the required level those who may teach these children;
10. encourage the provision of opportunities for disabled persons who so desire to train as physical education teachers;

11. encourage the provision of training of disabled and able-bodied instructors to work with recognised competent sports organisations ;
12. ensure that when sports policy is being decided the interests and views of disabled persons are given due consideration ;
13. ensure, within their constitutional limits, that this recommendation is also observed by the appropriate regional and local authorities with competence in any of the areas mentioned above.

Part B

The governments of member states should encourage and work closely with the sports organisations concerned in order :

1. to develop appropriate activities at all levels of sport for disabled persons and to ensure in particular that recreational participation in sport is adequately provided for ;
2. to consider ways in which disabled persons may be offered opportunities for integrating into traditional sports clubs and organisations ;
3. to encourage disabled persons to contribute directly to the development of sports policies which concern them ;
4. to ensure that in their policy-making and decisions the sporting interests of all disabled persons are taken into due account ;
5. to recognise that disabled persons may aspire to élite sport and to participate in it according to their abilities and to ensure that the organisation of such competitions does not in any way lead to the exploitation, whether physical, psychological or financial, of possible participants ;
6. to continue the efforts, at national, regional, and local levels, and within the competent international sports organisations to harmonise, simplify and, where appropriate, to reduce the classification categories and the eligibility criteria for participation at competitions between disabled persons ;
7. to intensify efforts to enable disabled persons, insofar as they may desire to do so, to compete in the same events as the able-bodied, while preserving the principle of fair and equal competition ;
8. to intensify the co-operation of their activities, with a view to eventual unification, both at international level and at national level, in the body described at Article 5 of Part A ;
9. to develop policies designed to give the general public more information on sport for disabled people.

RESOLUTION No 2

PROGRESS IN EUROPEAN SPORTS COOPERATION

The European Ministers responsible for Sport, meeting in Dublin for their 5th Conference from 30 September to 2 October 1986,

(A. General)

1. Considering that sport continues to occupy an ever-increasingly important place in society and public policy, both because of its positive contributions to the happiness of citizens and to the health of society, and because of some undesirable effects deriving from a phenomenon of such mass popularity;
2. Noting that sport for all, the concept first conceived within the Council of Europe and developed in the European Sport for All Charter (Resolution (76) 41), has now become recognised universally and that sport for all programmes have been discussed within many international governmental and non-governmental sports organisations;
3. Expressing the wish that the Council of Europe might develop or strengthen its links with such organisations, whether universal, regional or European, in order to contribute actively to the development of such programmes;
4. Recalling the proposals which they have submitted to the Committee of Ministers for starting a dialogue with Sports Ministers from other regions of the world, including with those from other European countries;
5. Reaffirming their attachment to the framework of the Council of Europe, and the European Cultural Convention, as the most suitable one for the discussion of common problems and for the elaboration of common policies in the field of sport, and welcoming the Parliamentary Assembly's support and cooperation;
6. Noting that the draft 3rd Medium-Term Plan of the Council of Europe provides a sound framework for continued cooperation and the further development of sports policies for the 1990s;

(B. Work Programme 1984-1986)

7. Thanking the CDDS for undertaking work on the instructions of the Committee of Ministers on those resolutions adopted at their last Conference (Malta, 15-16 May 1984) in which they asked for action, and approving the results of it;
8. Noting that the changes introduced by the CDDS into its working methods since 1984 take account of the questions they evoked in Resolution No 10 adopted at their last Conference;

9. Considering that these changes provide a sound and useful basis for continuing intensive cooperation between the Sports Ministers, the Committee of Ministers and the CDDS;
10. Looking forward to strengthening such cooperation in the future;
11. Noting the results of other work carried out by the CDDS in 1984-1986, and particularly welcoming the clarification of its sports information policy and the redefinition of its links with the Clearing House, and the completion of work on the Eurofit project on testing physical fitness;
12. Thanking the Clearing House for its constructive role in adapting itself to the new sports information policy of the CDDS;
13. Considering that the increase and growing diversity of participation in sport and physical recreation are bound up with significant changes in the relationships between sport, industry, research, public authorities and the media;
14. Welcoming and supporting the twin projects begun by the CDDS on the study of the economic significance of sport and on new partnerships in sport, and agreeing, as appropriate, to provide for the cooperation of their experts in this work;
15. Noting the Parliamentary Assembly's Recommendation 1047 on boxing;
16. Warmly thanking the Irish government for its organisation of and hospitality during this Conference;

RESOLVE :

(A. General)

17. gratefully to accept the offer of the Icelandic government to meet in Iceland in 1989 for their 6th Conference;
18. to continue to meet informally in order to exchange views on matters of common concern as needs arise, and gratefully to accept the offer of the Greek government to meet in Greece for their 13th Informal Meeting in 1987;
19. to continue and strengthen their dialogue with the international sports organisations;

(B. with regard to Spectator Violence associated with Sport :)

20. to congratulate the CDDS on its prompt preparation of the draft European Convention on Spectator Violence and Misbehaviour at Sports Events and in Particular at Football Matches;
21. to welcome the report prepared by the CDDS on its activities concerning spectator violence associated with sport from 1983 to 1986;
22. to continue cooperation with the Union des Associations Européennes de Football (UEFA) and to express their gratitude for past cooperation;

23. to urge the Standing Committee of the European Convention, to pursue energetically the task entrusted to it by the Convention, where necessary in liaison with the CDDS;

INVITE the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe :

24. to provide adequate support for the development of appropriate contacts with other organisations concerned with the development of sport, within and beyond Europe, both by the Sports Ministers themselves and by the CDDS as the Committee of Ministers may decide;
25. to support the continuation of work on violence associated with sport in general, and in particular to study the reasons for this violence and to begin work on the educational aspects and long-term prevention;
26. to support the proposals made by the CDDS to strengthen its work on sports information exchange and analysis and its input to the Clearing House;
27. to ask the CDDS :

to study in the period up to the 6th Conference the following subjects :

- the economic significance of sport, and to report to the Conference on the results of this project,
- the status and protection of sports participants at all levels,
- the interrelationships between sport and linked socio-economic activities (such as tourism, health, leisure, the media) and to make proposals for new joint strategies and programmes,
- new developments in leisure oriented sports facilities.

RESOLUTION No 3SPORT FOR PRISONERS AND YOUNG DELINQUENTS

The European Ministers responsible for Sport, meeting in Dublin from 30 September to 2 October 1986 for their 5th Conference;

Considering the importance of not neglecting humanitarian factors recognised by human rights ,

Taking account of each country's domestic law ;

Pointing out that the European Sport for All Charter makes no distinction of social category ;

INVITE the member governments of the Council of Europe to :

- recognise the value and benefits of physical education and sports activities in prisons and other custodial centres;
- encourage and, where necessary, offer support, including financial, to sports organisations so that they offer their aid and experience in developing with prison authorities sports programmes - be they competitive or not - especially for particular categories of detainees;
- prepare for detainees' release and social reintegration through the organisation of sports meetings inside and if possible outside establishments, one means of so doing being to allow inmates to join sports clubs;
- encourage, where necessary, prison departments to provide animateurs to help detainees develop and organise their own sport and recreation as an exercise in independence;
- assist the deployment and training of an adequate number of motivated and qualified staff (from prison services, sports associations, voluntary organisations or other sources, as appropriate to needs and circumstances) to carry out the aforementioned programmes ;
- provide opportunities for prison and detention centre staff to take basic or further training for a sports or physical educational qualification ;
- encourage sports authorities and prison services to run common training schemes so that qualifications are mutually recognised ;

- enable teachers of sport and physical education who wish to work in prisons or detention centres to gain experience of them;
- provide prison establishments with sports facilities and enable those without their own facilities to have access to suitable local facilities where security considerations permit;
- encourage the development of research strategies, where necessary, to assess the effects of regular sport and recreation on detainees' physical and mental well-being and on former detainees;
- encourage the development of sports programmes for potential young offenders (ie those at risk of custodial sentences should they further offend) via cooperation between sports organisations, municipalities, police, probation services and voluntary organisations,

INVITE the Committee of Ministers to ask the CDDS to ensure that the work begun on this project is properly pursued.

RESOLUTION No 4DOPING IN SPORT

The European Ministers responsible for Sport, meeting in Dublin for their 5th Conference from 30 September to 2 October 1986,

1. Welcoming the several developments both at national and at international level reported to the Conference on measures designed to implement the European Anti-Doping Charter for Sport adopted at their 4th Conference;
2. Thanking the international sports organisations for their cooperation in this matter;
3. Determined to do all in their power, both at governmental level and in cooperation with the sports movement, to eradicate doping in sport;
4. Welcoming the positive proposals made, inter alia, by the Canadian Minister responsible for Sport, on future action to widen the impact of the European Anti-Doping Charter for Sport, and accepting his offer to collaborate with the Council of Europe member States and other nations with this objective in view;

RESOLVE :

5. - to encourage, in accordance with the principles set out in the European Anti-Doping Charter for Sport, the working out of measures, where necessary, in order to reduce trafficking in doping agents and to promote preventive aspects, including educational campaigns;
6. - to encourage sports organisations and schools to carry out information and educational campaigns, so as to draw the attention of athletes and young people in general to the fact that doping is both dangerous and unfair, and defend the ethical and physical value of sport;
7. - to offer their continued support to the many international and national sports organisations which have acted in accordance with the principles set out in the European Anti-Doping Charter for Sport, and to urge other sports organisations to do so;
8. - to draw the attention of the sports organisations to the desirability of uniform and effective regulations, procedures and penalties to be applied in a consistent manner; in this context, Ministers encourage sports organisations to impose an effective penalty, normally a life ban from international competitions, as already provided for in the regulations of some sports organisations, as for example the IOC; and, because of the particular problems raised by the availability of certain doping agents, for the need for them to take adequate counter-measures, for instance in proper testing programmes, including out-of-competition controls;

9. - to invite the sports organisations to adapt their disciplinary procedures to follow the principles set out in the Conference paper MSL-5 (86) B 3, particularly with regard to a fair hearing and an appeal body;
10. - to express their confidence that the sports organisations will continue to deal with the problems of doping in sport in accordance with their seriousness; and to thank them for their continuing cooperation with the Council of Europe on this question;
11. - to encourage the International Olympic Committee to include clearer criteria relative to the anti-doping campaign in its own eligibility rules and bye-laws;

INVITE the Committee of Ministers :

12. - to consider ways in which European cooperation could help with the resolution of problems connected with the distribution and availability of certain doping agents;
13. - to study ways in which the Canadian authorities could be associated with future work on doping, including the proposals set out below;
14. - to ask the CDDS to follow up as soon as possible the proposals made to the Conference with a view to :
 - a. enlarging the circle of countries or regions which could accept and begin to apply the principles laid down in the European Anti-Doping Charter for Sport;
 - b. encouraging the sports organisations to take further action on the measures proposed for the harmonisation of their anti-doping regulations and procedures.

RESOLUTION No 5SPORT FOR ALL : INJURIES AND THEIR PREVENTION

The European Ministers responsible for Sport, meeting in Dublin from 30 September to 2 October 1986 for their 5th Conference;

Recognising that sport has an overall beneficial impact on physical, social and psychological well-being;

Convinced of the health protection and health promotion potentials of sport,

Aware of the medical and health care problems related to mass participation in sport,

Convinced that the costs of these problems can be reduced by adequate prevention measures;

Aware of the lack of sufficient scientific information on the mechanisms of injury occurrence,

Holding the view that European cooperative action in the field of the prevention of sports injuries is both necessary and desirable;

INVITE the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe to ask the Committee for the Development of Sport (CDDS) :

- to ensure the proper execution of the coordinated research project "Sport for All : Injuries and their Prevention" which should include study of the problems concerning education and information, training, medical checks and guidance, facilities and equipment, and to evaluate the effects of different national prevention programmes;
- in the light of the results from this project, to consider ways in which healthy participation in sport and recreation might be promoted in a coordinated European programme.

RESOLUTION N° 6

INTERNATIONAL SPORTS COMPETITIONS

The European Ministers responsible for Sport, meeting in Dublin from 30 September to 2 October 1986 for their 5th Conference;

Recalling Resolution (76) 41 (1976) of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on the Principles for a Policy of Sport for All, and especially Articles II, III, V and VIII of its Appendix,

Considering they share some responsibility for the general interest in relation to the staging of major sports events,

Stressing the important reinforcing role of major sports events on sports development and behaviour,

Noting the initiative of the Dutch Minister responsible for Sport in proposing a meeting of Ministers responsible for Sport from those countries regularly hosting major international sports events,

EMPHASISE that the appropriate sports organisations should be invited to such a meeting and help with its preparation,

AGREE that in the context of their next informal meeting they will discuss this proposal further with a view to holding the proposed meeting within the next three years.

RESOLUTION N° 7NEW PARTNERSHIPS IN SPORT

The European Ministers responsible for Sport, meeting in Dublin from 30 September to 2 October 1986 for their 5th Conference;

Recalling the European Sport for All Charter, approved at their first Conference and adopted by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe as Resolution (76) 41 on the Principles for a Policy of Sport for All,

Taking note of the "European Sports Sponsorship Code" of which the 3rd Conference at Palma de Majorca (1981), "took note with satisfaction",

Having considered the results of the Seminar "New partnerships in sport", Papendal, April 1986, concerning the contributions of government, sport, commerce and media to the development of sport,

Recognising that interest by the media and the commercial sector in sport has increased considerably during the last decade,

Are of the opinion that the impact of the media and the commercial sector on sport and on sports policy has on the whole contributed positively to the development of sport,

Considering that these interests will continue to increase in the years to come,

Recognising that for the development of the aims of governmental policies for sport and their means of action there is a need for a continuous exchange of information and development of practical co-operation, leading, in many cases, to consultation and if possible, co-ordination of the aims and means of action between the other parties involved,

RECOMMEND that such exchange, consultation and co-ordination should where necessary, take place in meetings between the four parties involved,

INVITE the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe to ask the CDDSto consider ways of organising a similar exchange and consultation at European level.

RESOLUTION N° 8

SPORT AND THE ENVIRONMENT

The European Ministers responsible for Sport, meeting in Dublin from 30 September to 2 October 1986 for their 5th Conference;

Recognising the importance of sport as an essential factor in human development, and its contribution to health and the quality of life ;

Noting that sports are practised to an increasing extent (competition, sport for all, leisure sports) and aware of the fact that the establishment and the use of sports facilities may also have disadvantages for man and the environment ;

Convinced that the setting of sports facilities close to residential areas is essential to promoting participation, to preserving ecologically fragile environments, by helping to reduce environmental problems caused by excessive traffic;

Recognising the importance of reconciling sporting and environmental interests when and where these are in conflict ;

Desiring to build upon the principles of Recommendation R (81) 8 of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on sport and recreation and nature conservation in inland water areas ;

INVITE member Governments

To ensure that the interests of sports are taken into account in regional plans and urban development planning, having regard to environmental considerations, and that appropriate areas for sports facilities are indicated following consultation with sports organisations ;

To make efforts, together with the sports organisations and the environmental protection associations, to ensure that careful use is made of nature and landscapes in the practice of sport.

RESOLUTION No 9APARTHEID IN SPORT

The European Ministers responsible for Sport, meeting in Dublin for their 5th Conference from 30 September to 2 October 1986,

Considering the principles of human rights and fundamental freedoms laid down in the European Convention on Human Rights;

Gravely concerned that the policies and practices of apartheid in South Africa which are universally condemned invariably have an impact upon sports and infringe those rights and freedoms;

Recalling their previous statements condemning all discriminatory practices in sport, and in particular apartheid;

Reaffirming their unqualified support for the Olympic principle that no discrimination be allowed on the grounds of race, religion or political affiliation and their belief that merit and interest should be the sole criteria for participation in sports activities;

Welcoming the decisions of the IOC and of most international sports federations to exclude South Africa from all international sports activities;

Recognising that participation in apartheid sports activities condones and strengthens apartheid;

Aware of the efforts of some sportsmen inside South Africa to eradicate apartheid through peaceful means;

Believing that sports federations can play a positive role;

1. **STRONGLY CONDEMN** apartheid practices in sports in South Africa;
2. **RESOLVE** to take all possible action to encourage those sports federations which have not yet done so to break all sports links with South Africa and exchange information regularly on the progress towards this goal;
3. **AGREE** not to provide financial or other assistance to enable sports bodies, teams or individuals to participate in sports activities in South Africa;
4. **INVITE** the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe to ask the CDDS, in the period up to the 6th Conference, to consider what steps could be taken in the future to further the objective of eradicating apartheid in sports, in coordination with other initiatives which might be taken by the Council of Europe on the subject of apartheid.

RESOLUTION No 10

THE GAMES OF THE XXIV OLYMPIAD IN 1988

The European Ministers responsible for Sport, meeting in Dublin from 30 September to 2 October 1986 for their 5th Conference;

Conscious of the international significance of the Olympic Games;

Taking note of the efforts of the IOC effectively to deal with the many difficult issues facing the Olympic movement;

EXPRESS their full support for the Olympic Games now and in the future; and for the work of the IOC to secure this continued development of the Olympic movement and their desire to ensure the greatest possible participation in the 1988 Olympic Games and beyond.

INFORMAL WORKING PARTIES/INFORMAL MEETING OF
EUROPEAN MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR SPORT

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DECLARATION

THIRD MEETING OF THE WORKING PARTY OF EUROPEAN
MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR SPORT

Strasbourg, 7-8 February 1977

The informal working party of European Ministers responsible for sport, meeting in the new Palais de l'Europe in Strasbourg on 7 and 8 February 1977, examined a set of questions concerning the establishment of machinery for co-operation within the Council of Europe in the field of sport, the danger of a politisation of international sports federations and mutual consultation within the Council of Europe before major international meetings.

It also looked at the problem of violence and safety at international sporting events, indicated priorities in European co-operation in the field of sport, and decided to encourage the appropriate organisations to arrange European games for young people of school age.

The Ministers issued the following statement on safeguarding the independence of sport :

"The Ministers stress the importance of sport in a free society and are of the opinion that national sports bodies should be encouraged to take responsibility in the international organisations of sport.

They however express their concern about the fact that in some countries sport is seen not merely as a means of enabling man to develop his personality, but primarily as an instrument of national policy and a means of attaining increased national prestige.

State control of national sport, with individual governing bodies of sport playing only a very subordinate role, is contrary to the fundamental principles on which sports policies of countries in Western Europe are based.

Such an approach - which is quite alien to the concepts of the European Sport for All Charter - has serious implications for the freedom of international sport. At international level, such an attitude manifests itself in attempts to undermine the freedom of international sport by the use of nations' combined pressure and influence.

Independent national sport federations are the main safeguard of free international sport, and their autonomy can be considerably diminished if nations use their combined voting strength to attain aims that have nothing to do with sport.

It is for this reason that the Ministers appeal to the sporting organisations so that this idea may be upheld in the international federations."

PRESS COMMUNIQUE

FIFTH MEETING OF THE WORKING PARTY OF EUROPEAN
MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR SPORT

Lisbon, 3-4 October 1977

Sports Ministers from Council of Europe member States and signatory States of the European Cultural Convention meeting in Lisbon discussed with Lord Killanin, President of the International Olympic Committee, the growth of political influences in sport. They agreed to continue talking with the IOC to try to curb the politicisation of international sport.

This meeting, which was chaired by Mr Sottomayor Cardia, the Portuguese Minister for Education, and Mr Joaquim de Sousa, Secretary of State for Sport, was the first time the leader of an international sports body had attended a meeting of Council of Europe Sports Ministers.

The discussion with Lord Killanin covered problems which are of mutual interest to the Olympic Movement and Council of Europe governments. These included the question of participation in international sports events by some countries which are not necessarily recognised by both the IOC and by all governments.

The Ministers agreed on the need for the Council of Europe countries to consult with international sports bodies, especially with a view to holding exchanges of views between member States prior to certain Unesco discussions. Subjects which might be discussed could for instance include proposals to abolish national parades, anthems and flags at the Olympic Games.

Lord Killanin was invited to attend the London Conference of European Sports Ministers (April 1978). The Ministers agreed to meet again in early 1978 in Strasbourg to hold an exchange of views prior to the second session of the Unesco Committee on Physical Education and Sport, where, inter alia, proposals on the organisation of international sports events will be discussed.

When examining recent developments in Unesco on Sports questions the Ministers agreed that every step should be taken to encourage the development of physical education and sport for all in developing countries.

PRESS COMMUNIQUE

SIXTH MEETING OF THE WORKING PARTY OF EUROPEAN
MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR SPORT

Paris, 22 May 1978

The 6th informal meeting of European Ministers responsible for Sport was held in Paris on 22 May 1978 under the auspices of the Council of Europe. Its purpose was to prepare for the 2nd meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport to be held at Unesco from 23-30 May 1978.

The Ministers present stressed that the organisation and conducting of international sports competitions were and must continue to be the responsibility of the competent non-governmental organisations. Realising the difficulties caused by increasing violence at sports events, the civil effects of doping, the difficulties due to the inordinate size and the cost of sports facilities, they called for permanent and organised concertation between these non-governmental organisations and the public authorities.

They noted with interest the manifesto published on 20 March 1978 by the Tripartite Commission of the International Olympic Committee and thought that the Commission might be the partner to discuss with Unesco possible solutions for the problems at present being raised by international sport.

The European Ministers agreed that priority should be given to the study of the problems of protecting sports ethics, the disastrous consequences to the sporting image of outbreaks of violence, and the changes in technical standards that are increasing the cost of sports facilities.

They pointed out that in accordance with the Olympic ideal athletes took part in sports events as individuals; it was therefore desirable to restrict the use of symbols such as anthems, flags, etc. liable to engender confusion between nationalism and sport. It was with this idea of the athlete's development as an individual in mind that the European Sport for All Charter could be proposed as a basis for the discussion of the Charter that Unesco had been asked to draw up.

Lastly, the European Ministers agreed to contribute to the Fund opened by Unesco to help the developing countries to increase the numbers of their physical education and sport coaches and teachers, to build adequate sports facilities and to obtain the necessary information. The object of this effort was not only to enable everyone to engage in sport, but also to encourage the participation of athletes from the developing countries in sports events at the highest level.

DECLARATIONSEVENTH MEETING OF THE WORKING PARTY OF EUROPEAN
MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR SPORT

Athens, 12-13 March 1979

The Ministers, meeting in Athens for their 7th informal meeting, recall the resolution on sport in society adopted in London and in particular that part in which they "emphasised their opposition to discrimination in sport which is based on race, religion, politics or any other criterion in contradiction to the Olympic Charter and draw the attention of the governing bodies of sport to the International Declaration against Apartheid in Sports adopted by the General Assembly to the United Nations".

They consider that sporting contacts with countries practising apartheid, in so far as it is reflected in the composition of teams or sporting delegations should be actively discouraged.

They draw the attention of sportsmen and the various parts of the sports movement to the risks involved in international sports in particular the Olympic Games, if they continue to have contacts with representative teams from countries which exclude themselves from the Olympic Movement by not respecting the principles of the Olympic Charter. Neither sports organisations nor sportsmen should allow themselves to be used by countries which practise racial or other forms of discrimination in order to give respectability to an unacceptable sporting situation.

Similarly, they deplore any discrimination in sport based on anti-semitism against sportsmen, teams and officials.

Lastly, they condemn any attempts to split duly constituted national teams for international or bilateral competitions.

PRESS COMMUNIQUE

NINTH MEETING OF THE WORKING PARTY OF EUROPEAN
MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR SPORT

Paris, 27 January 1983

The 9th informal meeting of European Ministers responsible for Sport from Council of Europe member States was held in Paris on 27 January 1983 at the invitation of the French Government and presided by Madame Edwige AVICE, French Minister for Youth and Sports.

The Ministers constantly stressed the educational and cultural character of sport. It was in this spirit that they discussed the problems of violence associated with sport and decided to set up, within the Sports Committee of the Council of Europe, a working party to study concrete European measures to control violence, including the possibility of preparing a European Convention on violence, in collaboration with the ngos.

The Ministers decided to strengthen measures against doping in sport and, here too, the possibility of a European Convention was mentioned, again in collaboration with the ngos.

It was agreed that the 10th informal meeting of Sports Ministers would take place in the Netherlands in the autumn of 1983 to discuss the consequences of both top-level sport and sport for all for governments, and also professional football transfers.

The Ministers also had an exchange of views about certain problems posed by South African participation in sports events in Europe.

TENTH MEETING OF THE INFORMAL WORKING PARTY OF EUROPEAN
MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR SPORT

Rotterdam, 17 November 1983

DECLARATION

on Spectator Violence at Football Matches
and other Sports Events

European Ministers for Sport meeting in Rotterdam for their 10th informal meeting recall their discussions at their ninth meeting in Paris of the problems of violence and sport and the resolutions on violence associated with sport adopted at their conferences in London and Palma de Majorca. They take account also of the concern of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe as set out in Recommendation No. 963 (1983) on cultural and educational means of reducing violence.

They reaffirm their particular concern about violence and misbehaviour among spectators at football matches and at other sporting events which represent a serious problem at national and international levels for sport and for society generally, not least the cost of policing. They acknowledge the long-term value of fostering better appreciation of the sporting ideal and the importance of fair play among players and spectators alike; but they are convinced that immediate priority should be given to the formulation and implementation of practical measures to discourage and curb violent behaviour by spectators.

They welcome the decision by the Committee for the Development of Sport of the Council of Europe to study the problem and note with satisfaction that the Working Group set up for this purpose has prepared proposals. The European Ministers support the principles underlying the Group's recommendations, which respect the autonomy of national and international sports federations but emphasise that public and sporting authorities must act together to counteract the problems of spectator violence.

In particular, the Ministers generally welcome and agree the recommendations for governments. They also stress the value of the practical measures identified in the Working Group's proposals, for example, segregation of rival supporters, the close control of ticket sales in support of this and the overall importance of coordinated pre-match planning by all concerned.

The European Ministers also note that these proposals endorse the importance of deterring spectators from violence, for example, through ensuring that the courts are able to impose deterrent penalties on those convicted of offences related to spectator violence, and that visiting foreign spectators face the prospect of trial, and appropriate punishment if convicted, if they are arrested in connection with acts of violence at sports events.

The Ministers agree to seek, with the appropriate sporting and public authorities, the immediate implementation of the Working Group's proposals not only within their own countries but also by developing bilateral cooperation on the occasion of forthcoming matches between their countries and their clubs. They recommend the proposals for formal adoption by the Council of Europe with possible drafting changes to reflect the different legal and administrative conditions in member countries and concerning the positive role of the media.

ELEVENTH MEETING OF THE INFORMAL WORKING PARTY OF EUROPEAN
MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR SPORT

Lisbon, 16-17 May 1985

PRESS COMMUNIQUE

EUROPEAN SPORTS MINISTERS TO WORK FOR SAFER SPORTS FACILITIES

European Sports Ministers (from the 21 Council of Europe member States, Finland and the Holy See) today voiced, on behalf of their countries' sportsmen athletes and fans, their sincere sympathy for the families that lost loved ones in last Saturday's tragic Bradford fire, which they said had stunned not only them but the international community as a whole. They said they would work for improved crowd safety and crowd control while ensuring that measures adopted reconciled public safety with public order.

Concerned about the safety of sports facilities following a spate of accidents including the Bradford disaster and the collapse of a Zurich swimming pool roof, they asked the Council of Europe to prepare a survey of safety precautions in sporting facilities.

They also called on the 21 member organisations to review current guidelines on dealing with spectator violence and to strengthen them as appropriate while ensuring compatibility with safety requirements.

The Sports Ministers from the Council of Europe countries were attending an informal meeting in Lisbon on 16 and 17 May which was chaired by the Portuguese Secretary of State, Julio MIRANDA CALMA, who also presented a paper on the Council's policy of "Sport for All". The Ministers welcomed the development in sport for all and urged continuing promotion of sports by public authorities at national, regional and local levels in co-operation with national sports organisations. Areas identified for particular attention by governments included the need for :

- more and better physical education and sports in schools,
- more and better trained sport for all staff including proper medical supervisors to boost the health prevention role of sports particularly for newcomers and casual participants.

The Ministers were told that the benefits of sports for all had been estimated at 50 to 60 billion Deutsch Marks in the Federal Republic of Germany which more than offsets the cost of treatment for sports injuries.

They also asked the Council of Europe to draw up a comprehensive handbook on the implementation of sport for all policies.

Ministers also discussed other problems involving governments, most of which became particularly acute when countries staged major international sports competitions:

- the increasing cost of TV rights for major international sports events,
- the role of sponsorship in the financing of sports,
- the need for sports to resist undue commercial pressures,
- the search for new ways of financing sports (eg the new 'Loto sportif' in France),
- the importance of the sports sector in national economies.

Increasing participation in sports and the growth of sport in economic terms was not being matched by increased funds for sports from national budgets, said the Ministers.

They also called on the media to give a balanced view of sport, including minority sports, and asked international sports bodies not to make excessive demands on top level sportsmen through proliferation of international and European cup or championship events.

The next plenary conference will take place in Dublin from 30 September to 2 October 1986. Items on the conference agenda will include:

- Sport and the media,
- Safety of sports facilities,
- Financing of sport,
- Sport and the environment.

TWELFTH INFORMAL MEETING OF EUROPEAN
MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR SPORT

Strasbourg, 27 June 1985

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION No. 1

on a European Convention on spectator violence
and misbehaviour at sports events and in particular at football matches

The European Ministers responsible for Sport, meeting for their 12th Informal Meeting at the Council of Europe on 27 June 1985, have resolved:

1. to agree on a European Convention on spectator violence and misbehaviour at sports events and in particular at football matches;
2. to invite the Committee of Ministers to adopt and open for signature the Convention at the earliest opportunity in order that it may come into force in time for the next football season;
3. to request all governments entitled to do so to become Parties to the Convention as soon as possible.

RESOLUTION No. 2

on a dialogue with UEFA

The European Ministers responsible for Sport, meeting for their 12th Informal Meeting at the Council of Europe on 27 June 1985,

expressing the will to take rapid and effective measures aimed at preventing spectator violence and countering increasing violence at sports events in general;

considering the responsibility of governments and sports organisations respectively for maintaining public safety and order at sports events;

recognising the prime responsibility of UEFA for laying down the conditions at matches organised under their auspices;

AGREE to propose to UEFA.:

1. to introduce binding requirements for the use of stadia for matches under the auspices of UEFA, which take account of national conditions and the level of the various matches and the threat of possible spectator violence, paying particular regard to :
 - the design, physical fabric, and condition of the stadium;
 - the size of spectator sections;
 - the separation of spectator sections;
 - access, exit and escape routes;
 - technical control, monitoring and operational facilities;
2. to introduce binding requirements, bearing in mind the provisions in the proposed European Convention, for matches under the auspices of UEFA with regard to :
 - ticket sales;
 - segregation;
 - admission controls;
 - bans on carrying weapons and dangerous objects;
 - forces to maintain safety and order on stadium premises;
 - sales of beverages;
3. to involve national football associations and governments in laying down these requirements;
4. to identify matches where spectator violence may be anticipated and to initiate suitable consultations and preparations to prevent and control spectator violence.

ASK the Committee of Ministers to instruct the CDDS, pending the creation of the Stading Committee foreseen in the proposed European Convention, to hold initial discussions with UEFA and prepare a draft memorandum of understading which would give effect to the above proposals and to provide for this work; and to report back as soon as possible to a future meeting of Sports Ministers.